

Yavapai Regional Partnership Council

Director's Report: July and August 2012

UPDATES

1. August Summit and State Board meeting:

- Engaging Rural Communities: What Works Summit presentation
- Indicators and Benchmarks: several Summit presentations were provided and the State Board reviewed the updated versions, including suggested indicator wording, benchmark details and data sources. Starting this fall, we will have discussion at regional level; as we have more information, it will be added to agenda.

2. Reading Materials:

The Regional Strategy Reports were included in the Friday's reading materials. The report format is similar to the grantees' report format.

3. Fall Meeting Formats:

- September will include a 1 hour regular session and then 2 hour work group session in Prescott. October will be a 3 hour regular session in Cottonwood.
- The September meeting will include the 2013 calendar approval.

4. Early Childhood Research and Evaluation National Advisory Panel

The Early Childhood Research and Evaluation National Advisory Panel's final report provides recommendations for a framework for evaluating First Things First's strategies. The report is posted on the FTF website: <http://www.azftf.gov/whoweare/board/pages/reportsandpubs.aspx>.

Additionally, there will be a National Evaluation Panel Webinar on the following dates:

- September 11th – 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
- September 12th – 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

5. Child Care Study

Formatting of reports will take place in September with dissemination to Councils occurring in late September, 2012

6. Cookies & Conversation and Work Group Sessions

A calendar of the times and locations have been emailed to community members. Attendance has varied and the discussions will help to inform the funding plan process.

7. Child Care Coalition event

The fall event is scheduled for Saturday October 13th in Chino Valley at the Windy Valley Plaza

8. Quality Assurance

FTF is working on a quality assurance system that involves a continuum of performance and programmatic monitoring. The QA process is a team approach in collaboration with grant partners. A strength-based, comprehensive quality assurance assessment will be used to evaluate the implementation of the standards of practice and support grant partners through technical assistance that addresses specific issues and concerns.



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STRATEGY UPDATES

1. Native Language Preservation

Because of the late start-up for the Yavapai-Apache Nation grant, they are under spent in SFY 2012. This government to government agreement is small, but the results are great. In September, there will be a recommendation to move the under spent amount to their current, SFY 2013 grant budget.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This section will provide updated information about events or topics taking place between the posting of the meeting notice and the Regional Partnership Council meeting.